WHEREAS, October 23, 1950, marked the entry into the state of marital blies of Phil and Leona McCormick at St. Mary's Church in Salem, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Phil and Leone are now the proud parents of seven children: Mike, Bob, Carol, Mary, Bill, Kevin and Philip; and,

WHEREAS, I do recognize the tremendous amount of tolerance and forebearance that must have prevailed for an Irishman and a German to dwell in wedded bliss for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Having survived the onslaught of seven very remarkable children, and the misfortune of two very unremarkable broken legs, we find Phil and Leone at this milestone of their lives, and therefore I deem it proper and fitting that on each twenty-third day of October from this day hence all the members of "McCormick Land" should duly hail Phil and Leone as King and Queen for that particular day, and afford them the honor they so richly deserve; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy and I regret that we will be unable to be with Phil and Leone and their family and friends as they mark the celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 25, 1975, but we do want to wish them the best of everything and many more years of health and happiness together:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 25, 1975, as

PHIL AND LEONA MCCORMICK DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge their many friends and relatives to join with them in celebration on this day.

R.F. Kneip

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE